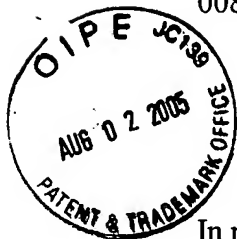


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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT
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Applicants' hereby repeat their claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based
upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

10-253037, filed September 7, 1998;
11-048134, filed February 25, 1999;
11-047805, filed February 25, 1999; and
11-247930, filed on September 1, 1999.

The Office Action Summary attached to the Office Action of March 30, 2005
acknowledges the Claim to Priority, but stated that none of the certified copies of the
priority documents have been received. However, certified copies of the priority
documents were provided in the parent application (U.S. Patent Application No.
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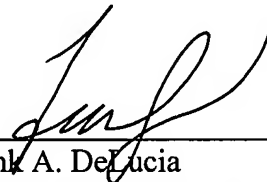
in a later application, no copies of those documents are being submitted in the present application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that the foregoing certified copies are of record in the parent application, and that the present application has the benefit of priority based on the above priority applications.

If the Examiner cannot locate those certified copies in the parent application, he is respectfully request to contact the undersigned.

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